

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Scoop

March 16–20, 2015		Mrs. Spielmann	West Central Elementary
<p><b><u>Character Education</u></b> The Character Education word for March is: <b>Self-Discipline</b>. This is self-knowledge. It depends on self-awareness. Self-Discipline is highly dependent on courage to do the right thing.</p> <p>Each week we will be giving away Subway certificates to students who exhibit <b>Self-Discipline</b> characteristics!</p>	<p><b><u>Math</u></b> <b>This week we will be working with equal parts of a whole and fractions. Please work with your child on memorizing math flash cards in addition and subtraction and counting money. We continue to do Mad Minute Math tests and CGI problems on a daily basis.</b></p> <p>----- <b>Just a reminder: Homework is:</b> *Study spelling words *Read for 20 minutes every night *Memorize math flash cards for addition and subtraction *Fluency Sheets *Practice writing short stories *Please remember to initial your child's planner with time read each night. Thank you for your continued support. Your children will benefit!</p>	<p><b><u>Creative Writing</u></b> We are writing stories every day. We use various prompts that are Common Core Standards based. The students really get excited when it is writing time. We also share our stories with the class on our "Author's Chair."</p> <p>----- <b><u>Spelling</u></b> The students will be working on vowel variant oo, ou sounds in words this week. We are doing Differentiated Spelling. Each child will come home with their own personal list of words in their Planners. Daily activities to reinforce spelling words include: Word Search, ABC Order, Double Puzzle, write a letter to your teacher using list words and finding meanings of the spelling words in the dictionary.</p>	 <p><b><u>Dates to Remember:</u></b> <b>March 16 &amp; 23 - Conferences</b> <b>March 16 - Report Cards</b> <b>March 18 -Spring Pictures</b> <b>March 20- No School</b></p> <p>----- <b><u>Phonics &amp; Grammar</u></b> <b>Genre: Fiction and connect prior knowledge</b> <b>Reading: "Where on Earth is My Bagel?"</b> <b>Guided Reading Groups: Fluency, comprehension skills, predicting, and author's message, non-fiction, and author's purpose. Independent Reading and A.R. Tests</b> ***** <b>Check out this website to see if a book your child is reading at home is an AR Book. <a href="https://www.renlearn.com/store/quiz_home.asp">https://www.renlearn.com/store/quiz_home.asp</a></b></p>
<p><b><u>Social Studies/ Weekly Reader</u></b> <b>This week we will be learning about recycling and bamboo.</b> <b><u>Vocabulary Words:</u></b> recycling, landfill, decompose, pulp, shoots, erosion</p> 			

## Vocabulary

With our Language Arts series, the students are exposed to high frequency and robust vocabulary words. Vocabulary is critical to reading success because it supports comprehension and communication.

High Frequency Words for this week are: smothered, pleaded, gently, grunted, replied, fragrant

Robust Vocabulary Words for this week are: belongings, fleeing, crave, correspond, picture

Quick Tip: To expose your child to these words, one suggestion may include placing word cards around the house and having the student read and define the words as they find them.

In our literacy centers, we place the words on index cards with the definitions on the back. The students read the cards and work with partners to become more familiar with the words.

Writing: (Writing complete sentences)

We will write paragraphs about various pictures. Writing Trait: (Ideas) Conventions (using the correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling). We will also work on describing. The students will also work on using effective word choices in their writing—such as rhyming words and colorful words to clarify description and revise word choices.

Bullying Contract: I promise I will not bully others. I promise I will not hurt others through my words or my actions. I promise to: Be kind. Be safe. Be ready to learn!

## Read Aloud Charts

“Far Away” (describing how we listen for a purpose)

Students will discuss what they enjoyed most about the poem.

“Mix a Pancake” – Students will think about what is happening in the poem and the feeling they get from listening to it.

### Listening Center

Stories: “Where on

Earth is My Bagel”

by: Frances Park

Genre: Fiction

While listening to

these stories, the

students will

learn new

vocabulary words

which include:

belongings,

fleeing, gently,

smothered,

replied

The students will also orally discuss beginning, middle

and end of the

story & author’s

message. They

will also learn

about story

structure.

### Snack List

March 16 – Kadence

March 17– Evan

March 18 – Jorja

March 19 – Tracy

March 20– No School

Thanks for providing snacks!



Important Events: April 14 – Spring Concert ; April 24 – Mornings for Moms –7:15–8:30 and Declam Contest in the afternoon; May 1 – Field Trip all day to the Army National Guard, Butterfly House, Outdoor Campus, and Sertoma Park; May 5 – Track and Field afternoon; May 8– Grandparent Afternoon – 1:00–3:30; May 19– Last Day of School – Dismiss at 1:30.

Quotes of the Week– “While we teach our students all about life, our students teach us what life is all about! Chuck Palahnick “We learn more by looking for the answer to a question and not finding it than we do from learning the answer itself!” Lord Alexandar

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